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SUBJECT: NEW GOVERNMENT - RECOGNITION

1. EMBASSY HAS SUSPENDED FORMAL COMMUNICATION WITH NEW GOH PENDING CONFIRMATION OF OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ARISE.

2. IN DECEMBER 1972 COUP, ARMED FORCES ANNOUNCED IN PROCLAMATION THAT THEY HAD ASSUMED "ALL POWERS OF THE STATE" AND THAT SUPERIOR NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL "HAD DECIDED THAT GENERAL LOPEZ ARELLANO...WOULD ASSUME OFFICE OF PRESIDENT... FOR MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS". ARMED FORCES, THROUGH SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL, NOW HAVE REMOVED LOPEZ AND SUBSTITUTED COL. MELGAR IN HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF STATE. THUS NEW GOVERNMENT IS A CONTINUATION OF THE PREVIOUS DE FACTO GOVERNMENT.

3. ASIDE FROM POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS BY SOME STUDENTS AND WORKERS, EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SERIOUS CHALLENGES TO THE CHANGE-OVER.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PREMISES.
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